

400,000 ARE DESTITUTE AT HANKOW

Two-Thirds of the City Laid Waste by Fire With a Loss of \$50,000,000

HUNDREDS OF HALF BURNED BODIES

Imperialists Take a Hand in the Looting—Rebels Protect Missionary Property—Manchus Preparing for a Siege at Peking and Expected to Offer Stubborn Resistance to General Chang—Gates Strengthened.

Hankow, Nov. 8. (via Wu Hu, Nov. 8.)—The city of Hankow, which was destroyed by fire, over two-thirds of its extent, is now a vast waste. The lowest estimate of the loss is \$50,000,000. Four hundred thousand people are destitute. Hundreds of half-burned bodies lie among the ruins. Many of them are the bodies of women and children.

American Missions Spared.

The customs house, the postoffice and the American missions have been spared. The city has been looted, the imperialists taking a hand in the pillage. Imperialist officers tried to check this work, and executed a number of the soldiers. Refugees were deprived of their loot on entering the British concession, carloads of valuable furs, silks and jewelry being seized. It is suggested that the Red Cross receive the proceeds.

Imperialists Blame Rebels for Fires.

On Friday afternoon the consuls appealed to the imperialists to cease pillaging the city. A proclamation, which was issued immediately, declared that the rebels were responsible for the fires, and ordered that these be checked. The following day new fires started in various quarters.

School for Blind Looted.

The David Hill Memorial school for the blind, connected with the Wesleyan mission, has been looted, while, in contrast, all the mission property in Wu Chang, which is held by the revolutionaries, has been protected.

Revolutionary Talk Among Imperialists.

About 500 of the revolutionists are still in Hankow. Sniping riflemen on opposite sides are still active. The fighting all day Saturday, and there has been similar fighting today, but steadily decreasing in volume. There is much open revolutionary talk among the imperialists.

TERROR AT PEKING.

Natives Fear Approach of General Chang—Preparing for Siege.

Peking, Nov. 8.—Two men are on the way to Peking whose coming is anxiously awaited. One of the men is Liang Chi-Chiao, the noted exile who is considered the most influential Chinese of Japan. The other is General Chang Shao-Tsen, commander of the Lanchow troops, who forced promises from the administration of a constitutional government.

Declined to Act as Imperial Envoy.

General Chang has refused appointment as an imperial envoy to conciliate the people of Manchuria and to ground that his troops desired to remain under his command, and he is now on his way to the capital at the rate of 100 miles a day.

PUBLISHERS CHARGED WITH USING MAIL TO DEFRAUD.

Alleged to Have Misrepresented Financial Condition of Company.

New York, Nov. 8.—Frank Orr, president of the Columbia Publishing Company, publishers of the Hampton-Columbia and the New York Herald, and a lawyer connected with the company, were arrested today by postoffice inspectors, charged with using the mails to defraud investors in selling stock in the company. The men were held in \$15,000 bail each for examination.

The charges against the two men are in substance: The complaint against Orr, accuses him of having induced various persons to send money for shares of stock in the Columbia Publishing Company, and of having misrepresented the financial condition of the company and that it would pay a dividend in the near future. In asking for high bail, Assistant District Attorney Brown said that the capital stock of the company was \$4,000,000, and that the alleged swindle would aggregate about one-half that sum, or \$2,000,000.

Orr was believed until today to be in St. Louis where he was on his way to New York. He was arrested at the postoffice at New York, where he was taken to the city hall. He was released on \$15,000 bail, and is expected to appear in court tomorrow.

SAGAL GETS HIS DIVORCE.

Judge Burpee Orders That He Have Custody of His Child.

New Haven, Nov. 8.—The sensational divorce suit of Louis M. Sagal, a theatrical man, against his wife, Rachel, came to an abrupt close yesterday in the superior court, when Judge Burpee ordered a decree for Sagal and gave him the custody of the child.

This is the case where so much was said about the husband having a telephone connected with his attorney's office, at one end of which listened a stenographer, who took down what Sagal said, and the conversation between Sagal's wife, Rachel, and Sagal's chauffeur, Mr. Mann, who was named as co-defendant.

Tuesday's proceedings occupied but ten minutes, there being a conference with the court in which counsel for both sides participated.

BOSTON DENTIST ENDS HIS LIFE WITH POISON

Was Formerly a Stage and Choir Singer of Some Note.

Boston, Nov. 8.—Dr. Len S. Brine, a dentist with offices on Boylston street, was found dead in bed at his lodgings at an Atlantic avenue hotel tonight, having committed suicide by taking poison some twelve or fifteen hours earlier, according to the medical examiner. Dr. Brine was 48 years of age and was formerly a stage and choir singer of some note. His wife and two children, who live in Scituate, survived him. The cause of his suicide is not known.

Cabled Paragraphs Identified as Lord Douglas

ACTRESS POSITIVE NEW YORK SUICIDE IS HE.

LORD'S BROTHER SAYS "NO"

Marquis of Queensberry Says Lord Was Safe and Well in Far West a Few Days Ago—Police Puzzled.

New York, Nov. 8.—One of the most perplexing identification mysteries which ever developed in New York shrouds the body of a man which rests in an uptown undertaker's establishment tonight. In the opinion of two persons at the body, Lord Sholto Douglas, brother of the Marquis of Queensberry, member of one of the best known noble families of England.

Marquis Says Not His Brother.

But, according to the marquis, who is quoted in dispatches from Chicago, the body cannot be that of his brother, for he says he had a letter from Lord Douglas only two days ago indicating that the writer was safe and well in the far west. To add to the mystery, it has been recalled that some years ago Lord Douglas passed himself off as such and was arrested in this country on several occasions on charges of larceny.

Pair of Overalls in Room.

The body is that of a man who registered at the Hotel Astor Oct. 15 as "Maurice Stuart, San Francisco." He was found dead in his room Monday evening with a self-inflicted bullet wound in his heart. There was every evidence that the man was of English descent and a tourist when he was brought back from Tripoli.

ARMED MEN ROB OGDENSBURG CLERKS.

One Bandit Captured and Identity of Others Disclosed.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Three armed and masked men walked into the office of the Ogdensburg Coal and Towing company here today and held up the clerks and secured in getting away with a large sum of money. The third bandit who fled in another direction was captured while he was trying to get across the Canadian border. He gave his pedigree as Henry Happpel, and said he had quarreled with his father, who is a professor of mathematics at the Oswego State Normal school, and had fled from home with Tom Brough and Jack Snyder, also known as Jack Wendell, both of Oswego, his alleged pals in the robbery. The most of the stolen money was recovered.

AMERICA HAILED AS "MOTHER OF PEACE."

At Banquet of Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes.

Cincinnati, Nov. 8.—Hailing America as "the mother of peace," the third annual conference of the Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes ended tonight with an elaborate banquet at which Secretary of State Philander C. Knox was the principal speaker. Among the guests were Mrs. William Howard Taft and Miss Helen Taft, wife and daughter of President Taft, who is here on a tour of the United States. Former United States Senator Joseph B. Foraker acted as toastmaster.

WATER SUPPLY OF STRIKERS CUT OFF.

Southern Pacific Owns All Wells in Vicinity.

Tucson, Arizona, Nov. 8.—Railway shophmen at Gila, Ariz., are facing a Southern Pacific strike. The men are cut off from their homes and that they be forbidden to get drinking water from water cars, according to telegrams from the Southern Pacific labor officer there, to the Tucson branch of the Federation of Shophmen. He says the order already has gone into effect, causing a serious problem for the strikers, as Gila is on the desert and the only wells there are two owned by the railroad.

Both Claim New Mexico Election.

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 8.—On the face of complete returns from about one-half of the election districts of the state and estimates of the balance, democrats claim the election of McDonald for governor and the entire democratic state and congressional ticket by majorities estimated at 4,700. Republican managers decline to concede their defeat.

Foss as "Democratic Progressive."

Boston, Nov. 8.—Returns from all but 43 towns in New Britain today on the charge of having shot Dominick Tarigoni, killing him, was given a hearing before a justice of the peace last night and bound over for a further hearing, Monday, under \$5,000 bonds.

Alleged Murderer Held.

Plainville, Conn., Nov. 8.—Sarafoio, arrested in New Britain today on the charge of having shot Dominick Tarigoni, killing him, was given a hearing before a justice of the peace last night and bound over for a further hearing, Monday, under \$5,000 bonds.

Condensed Telegrams Tobacco Trust Plan Approved

ACCEPTED BY JUDGES OF U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

INDEPENDENTS WILL FIGHT

To Take Steps to Secure a Review by Supreme Court—Plan Not Regarded as Perfect but an Honest One.

New York, Nov. 8.—The litigation which the federal government began four and a half years ago to break up the American tobacco company approached the stage of final completion today by judicial acceptance, with a few modifications, of the much discussed plan which the company itself drew up for dissolution of the combine, in accordance with a mandate of the United States supreme court.

Believe Plan an Honest One.

Each of the justices asserted his belief that the plan is an honest one and that there is no question of the good faith of its authors. Judge Ward, the fourth member of the court, filed no opinion.

To Be Taken to Supreme Court.

The announcement of the court's action was followed almost immediately by the declaration of counsel for several of the opposing independent tobacco interests that an attempt undoubtedly would be made to have the decision reviewed by the United States supreme court.

Anti-Trust Statute Must Be Obeyed.

Judge Stokes drew a general moral from the case. In conclusion he said: "The case is a landmark. It has been necessary to tear apart this combination and force it into new forms, with the attendant burdens, ought to demonstrate to the public that the anti-trust statute is a drastic statute which accomplishes effective results which, so long as it stands on the statute books, must be obeyed, and which cannot be disobeyed without incurring heavy penalties. And, on the other hand, the successful reconstruction of this organization should teach that the effect of enforcing this statute against industrial combinations is not to destroy, but to re-create in accordance with the conditions which the congress has declared shall exist among the people of the United States."

Fight Not Yet Over.

It was asserted tonight by representatives of the independent tobacco organizations that the fight against the dissolution plan as proposed by the American Tobacco company, as approved generally by the United States circuit court today, is not yet over.

For Review by Supreme Court.

Felix H. Levy, counsel for the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco association, the Cigar Manufacturers' association, the American Tobacco company and the Independent Tobacco company, announced that he would advise his clients to take such steps as may be necessary to secure a review by the United States supreme court.

CORN CROP SMALLER THAN LAST YEAR'S.

Potatoes Fall Off Over 57,000,000 Bushels, and Tobacco Also Suffers.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The full effect of the drought and intensely hot weather of the past summer was reflected today in the government crop report. It showed that the entire crop of corn was smaller by 249,412,000 bushels than last year's crop. Notwithstanding this, however, the crop this year comes down to the second largest in the history of the country.

Potatoes showed a falling off of 57,676,000 bushels, and there also was a striking decrease in the production of tobacco, amounting to 136,000,000 pounds less than last year's crop. In Kentucky alone the loss was 11,000,000 pounds, or 21,470,000 bushels. Tobacco production in pounds were: Kentucky 270,135,000, North Carolina 104,229,000, Virginia 93,840,000, Ohio 68,225,000, Tennessee 65,500,000, West Virginia 47,250,000, Tennessee 46,170,000, Connecticut 22,912,000.

WILSON COMMENDED FOR GALLANT CONDUCT

Boston Jackie Saved Life of Comrade on United States Gunboat.

Washington, Nov. 8.—For gallant conduct in an attempt to save a fellow sailor from drowning on Honolulu, Hawaii, last August, George R. Wilson has been commended by Acting Secretary of the Navy Rear Admiral Nicholson.

Wilson is a native of Boston and has been in the service six years. Several men from the gunboat Princeton were bathing off Honolulu, when one of the party, who could not swim, got beyond his depth. G. W. Shrepple, ship's cook, reached him, but was himself stricken with cramps. Wilson, who was on the porch of an inn on the beach front, unhesitatingly jumped overboard and saved him.

MRS. VERMILYA HAS SUDDEN ILLNESS.

Thought at First to Have Again Attempted Suicide.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Sudden illness of Mrs. Louisa Vermilya in the county jail, charged with having poisoned Policeman Arthur Blissette, while attempting to commit suicide with under police supervision, has caused a score of other persons, today caused the county officers considerable uneasiness. It was thought at first she had in some manner obtained more poison and made a second attempt on her life.

Examination by physicians, however, did not confirm this suspicion. Late in the day it was believed the sudden nausea and nervous convulsions were after-effects of the arsenic taken on Saturday. By nightfall she had recovered to a considerable extent.

No Basking for Girls.

Sparta, Wis., Nov. 8.—The board of education today issued an order forbidding the playing of basketball by girls teams in the high schools, the point being made that each public exhibition is not conducive to good morals.

Three Sworn Jurors For McNamara Case

Hopes of Having a Full Jury Box by Christmas.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 8.—Three sworn jurors and a thirteenth juror for cause was the showing in the McNamara murder trial tonight at the end of five weeks of court. Another juror had been accepted by the defense as to cause and counsel began hoping for a full jury box by Christmas to try James B. McNamara for the alleged murder of Charles J. Hazzerty, a machinist, killed in the Los Angeles Times explosion a year ago. Of five talesmen accepted by both sides when court opened today, two were excused with consent of counsel.

Aviator Vaniman Has Decided to Install Third Engine.

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